

Students Tell How They Spent Their Snow Days



"Our quad had a big snowball fight yesterday, but today is a big study and do laundry day."

**TIFFANY FOSTER**  
Sophomore, Fayetteville



"I slept in 'til like, 1 (p.m.) every day and watched a lot of TV, played a lot of Nintendo."

**NEIL FOTO**  
Sophomore, Charlotte



"Playing in the snow. Sledding. That's the best part. We just got a trash bag, a lunch tray, anything we could find."

**GREG MCCOY**  
Freshman, New Bern



"I just stole a tray from Lenoir, and I'm getting ready to sled down the steps by the Union."

**KAONU LY**  
Senior, Mt. Gilead



"I've been studying and having fun with my girlfriend in the snow."

**CHARLES MI**  
Senior, Raleigh



"We played Red Rover in the quad. We've been taking long walks just to get out because we've been bored out of our minds."

**LAURA MUSE**  
Senior, Matthews



"I played football yesterday in (Ehringhaus) Field, and I got some studying done."

**NIKHEEL PUROHIT**  
Junior, Charlotte



"We've been having snowball fights and slumber parties."

**KELLY WILLIAMS**  
Sophomore, Newark, N.J.

PLOW-WOW



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A plow dumps snow into a pickup truck in an attempt to clear South Road on Thursday morning. Many roads have been limited to one lane because of the accumulation of snow. Crews are having to work overtime to make streets suitable for travel. Numerous parking lots still remain buried under several inches of snow.

Historic 3-Day Break Lets Students Revel in Snow

Students used dining trays for sleds, blasted each other with snowballs and caught up on sleep this week.

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As classes resume at 9 a.m. today, lecture halls and new assignments replace the horseplay of the past few snow-bound days.

Zooming down streets on sleds, throwing snowballs and building snow buddies, students have reveled in the transformation of the University from an institution of higher learning into a winter playground.

But by Thursday, many students said they were tiring of the inconveniences that came with a snow-laden campus.

"It's getting really old," junior Sarah Goodman said. "There's no food. There's no bread left in the stores."

But she said the class cancellations were a welcome treat. "I wouldn't care if we never went back to class again as long as the SRC ... was open."

Senior Bret Hanlon was more eager

to get back into a routine. "It may be the nerd in me, but I wish classes would get back," he said.

Hanlon said he mostly stayed inside during the school closing and occupied himself by watching reruns of "Law & Order."

To alleviate her boredom, senior Christina Hodges said she planned to venture out to the Smith Center for the UNC-Maryland game, which was moved from Wednesday night to Thursday.

But such disillusionment was not felt earlier in the week, as many students romped around in the unusually heavy snowfall of 16 inches.

"I was ecstatic at the fact that we had snow on the ground since we don't get much here in North Carolina," said Morris McDaniel Sharber, a freshman from Fayetteville.

"I immediately took advantage of that and went outside and began chucking snowballs at my friends."

More than 100 students gathered at Ehringhaus Field on Monday night, partitioning themselves into small groups and randomly attacking each other with snowballs.

Sophomore John Greene, a computer engineering major from High Point,

said he took part in a snowball fight of about 160 to 175 people near Stacy, Lewis and Aycock residence halls Monday night.

"We would take turns charging one another and hitting cars," Greene said, adding that one car owner was not especially pleased with the students' shenanigans.

Greene said the owner began to yell at the snowball warriors, at which point they turned their ammunition on him.

By Tuesday night, much of the campus' snow had been packed down into an unforgiving slab of ice - not so good for snowballs but excellent for sledding, several students said.

"The snow's not packing today so I think that's a reason why more people are sledding tonight," sophomore Amanda Zellner said Tuesday night.

More than 200 students took over Skipper Bowles Drive, using the steep incline to reach high speeds as they screamed down the street between Hinton James and Craige residence halls toward their eventual destination - the Smith Center.

Students used everything from garbage can lids to parking signs to protect their derrieres. Crazier thrill-seekers chose to slide down on ladders, metal roadblock barriers, toy cars, closet doors and even a campus building marker.

"I found the best thing to be a plastic tray from Lenoir (Dining Hall). I've seen people slide down on radiator vents," Zellner said. "I'm impressed. They're getting pretty ingenious with what to sled on."

Over the course of three class-free days, students not only peppered each other with snowballs and tumbled down hills, they exercised their creative flair by building snow creations.

Guarding the flagpole in Polk Place was a 12-foot tall snowman with a trash can lid for a hat, granny apples for eyes and a twig cigarette sticking out of his bagel-mouth.

In front of Bingham Hall, students constructed a living room scene complete with a La-Z-Boy chair, an ottoman, a television set and a video game system.

But, some snow structures did not make it through the night.

"I'd have to say the highlight of our snow adventure was the destruction of three innocent snowmen," Sharber said.

On Wednesday afternoon, junior Emily Matson and sophomore psychology major Jeremy Heuts were still frolicking in the snow in front of South Building. Heuts threw snowballs at Matson, a psychology and music major.

Seconds later, Matson was tumbling in the snow, forming a snow angel. Matson said she was enjoying herself after a long walk to Lenoir Dining Hall from Carrboro on Wednesday. She had been stuck inside all day Tuesday, she said.

Many students also ventured out after dark to a crowded Franklin Street bar scene. Patrons could be seen slipping and sliding down the street, as icy sidewalks became more of a distraction than beer buzzes.

The bitter temperatures translated into heightened aggression for some and several bar fights erupted Tuesday night.

Other students chose to stay inside in hopes of keeping warm and catching up on schoolwork, sleep and television.

"I've just caught up on homework that I've put off," Amanda Fox, a junior from Hickory, said of her time off from school.

Pharmacy student Rachel Pendleton from Lawsonville and her friends walked to Coker Arboretum on Monday, taking an entire roll of pictures of the snow-blanketed landscape.

Pendleton said, "It was really pretty, like something you'd see in a movie."

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